of Haryana. **The** estimated cost of this phase is Rs. 624 crores . An amount of Rs. 61.14 crores has been released to the State Governments for completion of 20 schemes sanctioned under this Plan so far. These schemes are under various stages of progress. In addition to the above, the Government of the NCT of Delhi has also taken up large scale sewerage, non-sewerage and sewage treatment works out of its own Plan funds.

While the water quality of river Yamuna is within the prescribed limits in the State of Haryana, it has not shown the desired improvement in Delhi and some parts of U.P. because of phenomenal increase of population upstream of the river and lack of availability of fresh water for ensuring minimum flow in the river.

Overseas employment promotion council

***218.** SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up Overseas Employment Promotion Council to regulate employment;

(b) if so, the detaisls thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government proposes to set up a "Council for Promotion of Overseas Employment" (CPOE) . The Council will function as a strategic 'Think Tank' for the Government and respond to the changes in the dynamic International labour market on a real time basis to identify future overseas employment opportunities, the emerging labour supply gaps and country/sector specific skill requirements, make realistic projections and plans for overseas deployment of workers, disseminate relevant information in the rural areas and implement a sustained skill upgradation programme to match the market requirement. Cabinet has approved the proposal. The council will be operational in the ensuing financial year.

(c) Question does not arise.

Preservation of **Yamuna**

*219. SHRIMATIHEMA MALINI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Government of NCT of Delhi has experts' proposal how best to preserve the good old Yamuna;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposal; and

(c) to what extent the proposal is feasible to be made effective and at what cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) According to the information povided by the Delhi Jal Board, Government of NCT of Delhi, it has evolved the concept of laying interceptor sewers along the three major drains in Delhi to prevent the flow of untreated sewage into the river Yamuna. The salient features of the proposal are: